

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



THE CITY OF CALEXICO IS THE ONLY BORDER CITY DESIGNATED AS A CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE ZONE (CALEZ). CALEZ WAS CREATED TO STIMULATE GROWTH IN THE MOST ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.





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The California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) administers more than 20 programs that award loans and grants for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable rental and ownership housing, homeless shelters and transitional housing, public facilities and infrastructure, and the development of jobs for lower income workers. These loans and grants, with rare exceptions, are not made to individuals, but to local public agencies, nonprofit and for-profit housing developers, and service providers. In many cases these agencies then provide funds to individual end users.

A Funds Available Calendar (FAC) that lists current Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) for HCD's loan and grant programs is available at www.hcd.ca.gov. For information about non-HCD funding sources, visit the Clearinghouse at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/clearinghouse/> for Affordable Housing and Community Development Finance, which lists over 200 State, federal and private sources of assistance by type and geographical availability.

Two of our grant programs that can benefit California border communities in the development and implementation of environmental infrastructure projects include the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the California Indian Assistance Program (CIAP).

CALIFORNIA INDIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Provides assistance to California Indian tribal governments and California Indian communities to obtain and manage state and federal funds for housing, infrastructure, community and economic development projects, and governance enhancement. CIAP staff provides technical assistance, including grant writing, to help tribes obtain funds from other agencies. Technical assistance is provided on request at no cost to recipients, on a first come, first served basis.

Eligible activities include consultant and grant writing services to California Indian tribes for preparation of grant applications for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, economic development, community facility development, cultural enhancement, environmental protection, governmental capacity building, etc. Fund sources include U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian programs, State Community Development Block Grant programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Health Service, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans Programs, and the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

For additional information regarding CAIP, please visit <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/ciap/>. Technical assistance may be requested by contacting the California Indian Assistance Program at (916) 445-4727.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was established by the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 USC 5301, et seq.). Subsequent legislation and regulations allowed states to administer the program for smaller cities and counties. In 1982, California's Executive Branch and Legislature agreed that the State should administer the program and assigned this responsibility to the Department of Housing and Community Development. The State CDBG program is implemented by the California Health and Safety Code section 50825, et seq, and the California Code of Regulations (Title 25, Section 7050, et seq).

The primary federal objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. "Persons of low and moderate income" or the

"targeted income group" (TIG) are defined as families, households, and individuals whose incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the county median income, with adjustments for family or household size.

Each year the CDBG program makes funds available to eligible jurisdictions through several allocations: General and Native American, Economic Development, Planning and Technical Assistance, and Colonias. Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) are published for each allocation as the funds become available. Successful applicants enter into contracts with the State to complete the specified activities with the grant funds.

For additional information regarding the CDBG Economic Development allocation, please visit <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/funds/>.

State CDBG Program-General, Native American, and Colonias Grants

Provides grant funding for housing activities, public works, community facilities, and public service projects serving lower-income people in small, typically rural communities. The maximum grant amount is \$500,000 per year, not including additional amounts available under the Native American and Colonias Allocations. Eligible activities include:

- Housing, including single- and multi-family rehabilitation, rental housing acquisition or homeownership assistance, and activities that complement new construction;
- Public Works, including water and wastewater systems, rural electrification, and utilities such as gas services;
- Community Facilities, including day care centers, domestic violence shelters, food banks, community centers, medical and dental facilities, and fire stations; and
- Public Services, including staff and operating costs associated with the community facilities.

Eligible State CDBG General Fund Applicants are non-entitlement jurisdictions, cities with populations under 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000 in unincorporated areas that do not participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program. Eligible Native American Allocation Applicants are non-entitlement jurisdictions that apply to assist non-federally recognized Native American communities.

Eligible Colonias Allocation Applicants are distressed non-entitlement jurisdictions within 150 miles of the California-Mexico border that contain colonias as defined by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

Applications are invited through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Please visit <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/funds/> for more current NOFA and application package or contact Program Administration at (916) 263-0485.

CDBG Program—Planning and Technical Assistance Grants

Provides grant funds for small cities and counties for planning and evaluation studies related to any CDBG-eligible activity. Up to \$70,000 per year per jurisdiction is available. No more than \$35,000 under the General/Native American Allocation and a maximum of \$35,000 under the Economic Development Allocation. Eligible activities include studies and plans for housing, public works, community

facilities, and economic development activities that meet CDBG national objectives, and provide principal benefit to low-income persons.

Eligible applicants include counties with fewer than 200,000 residents in unincorporated areas and cities with fewer than 50,000 residents that are not participants in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program.

Applications are invited through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). There are two funding cycles per year (anticipated for late June and late October) and awards are made after each cycle. Please visit <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/funds/> for more current NOFA and application package or contact Program Administration at (916) 263-0485.